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In re application of: Phillip Johnson

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For: Programmable Lock Detector and Corrector

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

The Notice of Allowability mailed on 06/02/05 contains an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance. For at least the following reasons, the Applicant objects to the Statement.

The Statement contains language that attempts to characterize the claimed subject matter. The Applicant submits, however, that the language in the Statement does not accurately characterize any of the independent claims. For example, the Statement states that "a count value with the multi-phase clock generator is compared to a accuracy level ... to determine a stable operating point." The Statement also states that "once this stable operating point is established a signal is sent to a phase check circuit so as to enable the phase check circuit to compare the reference clock signal of the multi-phase clock generator to 'two or more clock signals' of the multi-phase clock generator." The Applicant submits that such language does not appear in any of the independent claims.

Moreover, some of the features mentioned in the Statement are recited only in dependent claims, but not in independent claims. For example, a delay-locked loop is recited in dependent claim 2, but not in independent claim 1. Similarly, a "phase check circuit" is recited in dependent claim 3, but not in independent claim 1. Also, the phrase "two or more clock signals" is recited in dependent claim 3, but not in independent claim 1. And "BITSEL" is not recited in any of the claims.

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In general, to the extent that the Statement differs from the language of any of the independent claims, the Applicant rejects any narrowing or limitations that might possibly result from such differences.

For each of these reasons individually and for all these reasons collectively, the Applicant objects to the Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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